

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT
LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
DECEMBER 9, 2015**

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
900 SOUTH FREMONT AVENUE, ALHAMBRA, CA**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Hildebrand for Gail Farber (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)
Chair, Leadership Committee

Chris Cash (Gateway Water Management Authority)
Chair, Lower San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Subregion

Mark Stanley (Watershed Conservation Authority)
Vice-Chair, Lower San Gabriel & Los Angeles Rivers Subregion

Leighanne Kirk for Rich Nagel (West Basin MWD)
Chair, South Bay Subregion

Rob Beste (City of Torrance)
Vice-Chair, South Bay Subregion

Andy Niknafs for Dave Pettijohn (City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power)
Chair, Upper Los Angeles River Subregion

Belinda Faustinos (Council for Watershed Health)
Vice-Chair, Upper Los Angeles River Subregion

David Pedersen (Las Virgenes Municipal Water District)
Co-Chair, North Santa Monica Bay Subregion

Barbara Cameron (City of Malibu)
Co-Chair, North Santa Monica Bay Subregion

Kelly Gardner (Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster)
Chair, Upper San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo Subregion

Randy Schoellerman (San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority)
Vice-Chair, Upper San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo Subregion

Tony Zampielo (Raymond Basin)
Groundwater Water Management Area

Daniel Loo for Sharam Kharaghani (City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation)
Stormwater Water Management Area

Grace Chan for Jeff Kightlinger (Metropolitan Water District),
Surface Water WMA

OTHERS PRESENT:

Angela George, Los Angeles County Public Works

Paul Alva, Los Angeles County Public Works

Genevieve Osmena, Los Angeles County Public Works

Russ Bryden, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Virginia Maloles-Fowler, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Amanda Guzman-Perez, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Leslie Schenk, Los Angeles County Public Works

Waqas Rehman, Los Angeles County Public Works

Esther Rojas, Water Replenishment District

Grace Kast, Gateway Water Management Authority

Greg Jaquez, MNS Engineers
Linda Palmquist, MNS Engineers
Jacqueline Bell, Central Basin Municipal Water District
Lynn Rodriguez, Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County
David Gould, Crescenta Valley Water District
Miguel Luna (DAC Coordinator), DAKELUNA
Reymundo Trejo, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
Wendy La, LASER, LLC
Mary-Beth Vergara, Watershed Conservation Authority

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Gary Hildebrand

1. Introductions

Leadership Committee members, staff, and public present introduced themselves.

2. Approval of September 23, 2015 Meeting Notes

A motion to approve the meeting notes was made by Tony Zampielo and seconded by Bob Beste. Meeting notes were approved unanimously.

3. Old Business

Ms. Virginia Maloles-Fowler provided the following updates:

- A. Memorandum of Understanding and Operating Guidelines: The GLAC IRWM Memorandum of Understanding and Operating Guidelines were approved by the Leadership Committee at the September 23, 2015 meeting. Copies were provided to each member for execution. Agencies are now making arrangements to bring the MOU before their governing boards for approval.
- B. Funding Future Grant Applications: Sub-Regions will discuss possible options for funding the application cost of future IRWM grants. An update will be provided at a future meeting.
- C. Consultant Support Services: Sub-Regions have discussed whether there is a need for the GLAC IRWM to create a select list of consultants for as-needed support services. Possible tasks could include preparation of future grant applications, updates to the IRWM plan, and other activities. There is consensus amongst the Sub-Regions that this is needed. Staff will begin working through the logistics of putting the contract together. An update will be provided at a future meeting.
- D. Prop 50 and Prop 84 Grants Summary: The GLAC IRWM's grant program includes approximately 52 projects and slightly over \$100 million in grant funds. Due to several DWR staffing changes over the summer, project proponents should expect delays in the approval of invoices, project close out, and amendments. The Planning Grant is now closed and we have received reimbursement for the full \$1 million of grant funds. For Prop 84 Round 1, the San Antonio Spreading Grounds Project came in under budget by \$413,000 in grant funding. The Upper San Gabriel Sub-Region will discuss how to reallocate the funds and make a recommendation at a future meeting.

4. New Business

A. DAC Coordinator Contract

Miguel Luna provided an overview of the DAC Coordinator's activities over the past year and presented a proposed budget for funding the position for another year. Leadership Committee members inquired about his work to support the identification of new DAC projects and pointed out the absence of the DAC Coordinator at recent Sub-Region meetings. Mark Stanley and Miguel Luna were requested to provide a report of the work completed over the past year, develop a scope of work for project development activities, and then meet with the Sub-Regions for discussion.

B. Prop 84 – 2015 Grant Award Allocation

DWR recommended awarding the GLAC IRWM \$27.7 million in grant funds for its Proposition 84 – 2015 Implementation Round grant application. This amount represents 79% of our original request of \$35.3 million, a shortfall of \$7.5 million. After discussion, a motion was made by Tony Zampiello and seconded by Rob Beste to apply a 21% reduction in grant funds to each Sub-Region and then have the Sub-Regions determine how to apply that reduction to their individual projects ("Option 3"). After additional discussion, Leighanne Kirk requested an amendment to the motion to (1) move forward with Option 3; (2) request the Plan Update Subcommittee to develop a policy for how to approach future funding requests as well as how to approach future funding shortfalls; and (3) consider the distribution of funds amongst the subregions when selecting projects for future funding requests. The amendment was accepted by Tony Zampiello and seconded by Rob Beste. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Stable Funding Sources

Lynn Rodriguez from the Ventura County Watersheds Coalition IRWM provided information on a group working to establish a stable funding source for IRWM. A draft concept paper will be available in several weeks.

D. Incorporation of EWMPs into IRWM Plans

Russ Bryden contacted the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Board's) program manager for the Prop 1 Stormwater Program. The discussion focused on the IRWM group's responsibilities and E/WMPs' responsibilities. The final guidelines for the Stormwater Program include a self-certification checklist which has items that may or may not be directly addressed in the E/WMPs. The State Board's program manager said they fully expect E/WMP Groups will need to create a supplemental document, something on top of the E/WMP in order to satisfy the requirements of a Stormwater Resource Plan. In terms of the connection to IRWM, the Program Manager suggested that E/WMPs would only need to submit their Stormwater Resource Plans to the IRWM group. To facilitate this process, Russ' staff will create a form letter that each of the E/WMP groups can use. For the IRWM group, the Leadership Committee will need to vote to incorporate the Stormwater Resource Plans by reference. This action by the Leadership Committee does not mean it finds the Plans to be functionally equivalent. Additionally, E/WMP projects will need to be added to OPTI. A matrix with all the required fields will be provided to the E/WMP groups. They can fill out the matrix and submit it to FCD, who will then upload the information to OPTI on their behalf. The State Water Board's program manager indicated it was likely E/WMP groups

would only need to upload projects for which they would be seeking Prop 1 Stormwater Program funding.

5. Committee Reports

A. Steering Committees:

Each of the subregions reported they met to discuss redistribution options for the GLAC IRWM's Prop 84 – 2015 Grant Award in order to provide their recommendations to the Leadership Committee.

B. Water Management Areas

Open Space – No report

Stormwater – No report

Groundwater - Tony Zampielo spoke about continuing historic record low groundwater levels in the Main San Gabriel Basin and the high cost of purchasing replacement water to meet obligations for next year.

Sanitation – No report

Surface Water - No report

C. Legislative Committee

Mr. Caldwell provided an update on legislation being tracked by the group.

D. DAC Committee

Information was covered under Item 4A.

6. Public Comment:

No Comments

7. Future Agenda Items/Announcements/Other Items

- DAC Coordinator Contract

A. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The next Leadership Committee meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2016, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.